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1. Guerrillas are still strong in Kwangsi in spite of Communist liquidation of over 30,000 persons since the beginning of 1950.* The largest guerrilla group of approximately 35,000 is along the mountainous Kwangsi-Kweichow border under the command of P'ENG Piao (彭彪). There are 50,000 troops of the former Central China Command in Kwangsi and other units in the province, especially at Shihwantashan (108- , 22-). Neither the guerrillas nor the former Nationalist troops have any connection with the Nationalist Government, PAI Chung-hsi, or LI Tsung-jen.
2. The guerrillas are harassing the Liuchou-Nanning Railway, which has been able to run only at irregular intervals since its completion in late March. The extension of the railway from Nanning to Chennankuan is also being held up by the guerrillas.
3. P'ENG Piao and HUANG Hua-p'iao (黄华表), writer, educator, former commissioner of education in Kwangsi, and now a guerrilla leader, are trying to establish themselves as a third force element in Kwangsi. Guerrillas so far look upon CHANG Jen-min (张任民), former chief of staff of a Nationalist army group under LI Tsung-jen, as the principal leader.

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*  Comment. The Kwangsi Military District Command announced the conclusion of the mopping-up campaign at the end of February 1951. The Communists claimed a total of 63,000 guerrilla casualties and announced that order was gradually being restored in Kwangsi. 